

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

JONES, Walter B. Jr (Republican)  
Representative, 3rd District, North Carolina  
Elected 1994 to the 104th Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



## BACKGROUND

Born: Farmville, North Carolina - 10 February 1943

Home: Farmville, North Carolina

Marital status: Married (Joe Anne) - 1 child

Religion: Roman Catholic

Education: North Carolina State Univ; Atlantic Christian College, BA, 1966

Military: North Carolina National Guard, 1967-71

Profession: Business executive

Political: Father, Walter B. Jones (D), represented the 1st District in the US House from 1967 to 15Sep92 when he died in office. Jones Jr. served as a Democrat in the NC House, 1983-92. Successfully sought the Democratic nomination for the redrawn 1st District US House seat in 1992, but lost to Eva Clayton (D). Switched to Republican in 1993, gained the nomination and defeated incumbent Rep Martin Lancaster (D) for the 3rd District seat in the 1994 general election with 53% of the vote. Reelected in 2000 with 61% of the vote and in 2002 with 84%.

Rep Jones, a conservative, has said he would do all he can to support Seymour Johnson AFB, Camp Lejeune, Cherry Point MCAS and various Coast Guard stations.

In the 105th Congress, voiced frustration with continued funding of US military operations in Bosnia stating every dollar spent on the mission is a dollar we can't spend on critical military priorities. Sought full disclosure of all communication between Pentagon and White House on depot competition. (Inside the Pentagon, 30Jul98) Noted that by 2002 average age of Air Force planes will be 20 years old. (Washington.Post, 28Oct98)

In the 106th Congress, introduced H.R. 1055, the Military Family Food Stamp Tax Credit Bill, so that "military families would not have to depend on the government to put food on the table." (CR, 10Mar99) Following national media attention that the US military recognizes witchcraft as a religion, said that he called upon SecDef Cohen to provide an explanation of how and why the military goes about training its chaplains to suppress fundamental religious beliefs. (CR, 15Jun99) Frequent critic of the mandatory anthrax vaccination program. Sponsored H.R. 2543, the American Military Health Protection Act, to make the current anthrax vaccine program voluntary. (CR, 12Oct99)

In the 107th Congress, criticized DoD for purchasing military berets from China. Also, asked why the "Army would spend \$23 million to change the color of a hat on the whim of one general?" Emphasized the importance of public depots to national security. Introduced HR 3487, which would rename the Sec of the Navy as the Sec of the Navy and Marine Corps. Objected to the creation of the US Northern Command without a hearing on the matter. Said the Congress as the duty to oversee any Pentagon reorganization. Because of redistricting, Seymour Johnson AFB will no longer be part of the 3rd district once the 108th Congress convenes.

Additional: Is president of two companies -- Benefit Reserves Inc, an insurance company, and Judson Co. Inc, which markets energy-efficient products. Wife is a public school teacher. Member, Airpower Caucus. Congressional Depot Caucus -- Co-chair  
AF Bases: Seymour Johnson AFB (interest only); Reserve Forces; Dare County Range

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